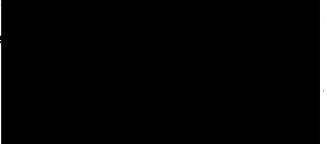
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Dallas and Ruby

"You just either are for this town or you're on the outside looking in," a Dallas business leader as observed. Dallas is a city of passionate "boosterism"—its citizens are quick to talk up "Big D's" virtues and just as quick to pristle at criticism. It is also a strongly conservative and conformist city.

After the shootings in Dallas last November of John F. Kennedy and his alleged assassin, Led H. Oswald, many citizens asked publicly whether the city had beer caught up in a "climate of hate." Mayor Earle Cabell declared "Each of us must search his heart asking whether by any intemperate word or deed he helped push [Oswald's] mind across the brind of insanity." But as Dallas came under stinging worldwide criticism, public discussion focused or means of rebuilding the city's "image."

Last week the climate of opinior in Dallas was a pivotal questior in court proceedings involving Jack Ruby, killer of Lee Oswald Ruby's attorneys asked that his trial be moved from Dallas, charring that the city's leaders wented to make Ruby the scapegost and wash away "the sins of Dallas." They brought in a parade of witnesses to testify that Ruby could not get a fair trial in Dallas.

On Friday, Judge Joe B. Brown put off a final decision on moving the trial pending an attempt to select an unprejudiced jury. He ordered that the trial begin tomerrow as planned, with the questioning of prospective jurors. Whether they could pick an unprejudiced jury, he said, would be "the true test" of the atmosphere in Dallas.

In Washington last week the special Presidential commission inrestigating the assassination heard ts second witness-Mrs. Marguerte Oswald, 56, Lee Oswald's mothr. For three days she argued her on's innocence, disagreeing with his widow's conclusion that he was guilty. "She's telling her story in ier own way, from beginning to md," said Chief Justice Warren. He said "she has not given us any acts that would change the picure as we know it." Mrs. Oswald old reporters her son was a C.I.A. gent "set up to take the blame" or the assassination. C.I.A. chief ohn McCone declared: "Lee Osvald was never directly or inirectly linked with the C.I.

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